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TO: Fruit and Vegetable Branch and Regional Offices

FROM: E. A. Meyer, Acting Chief

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Fresh Marketing Division

WPB-Limitation Order L-232

The Miscellaneous Vegetable Industry Advisory Committee met March 6 and 7. Enough additional guest members attended to obtain regional representation of the areas interested in the percentage restrictions for vegetable containers set up in WPB Limitation Order L-232.

The Compliance Division of the War Production Board had determined that the provisions of the existing order as developed by the Containers Division of the War Production Board could not be administered with the limited compliance staff available. As the WPB feels that some program for containers is necessary, a proposed amendment to L-232 was developed under which the container quotas would be determined by committees supervised by the War Food Administration. The Committee was called in to review the proposed amendments and administrative program.

The Committee, in general, recognized that some program was necessary, but felt that any restriction should apply uniformly to all perishable crops and not to a group of seven selected vegetables. In establishing such a program, however, this would require a re-definition of the policy for giving special assistance to certain crops. A sub-committee of this group presented this request to the Assistant Administrator. It was decided, however, that such a review of policy was not possible at this late date in the production year. Therefore, plans are being made to develop an Amendment to L-232 under which the determination of container quotas among packers and shippers will be made by committees set up by the WFA.

As so little time is now available before April 1 when the program was first scheduled to become effective, plans are now being made to extend the effective date to June or July.

One of the handicaps to the return of fruit and vegetable hampers and baskets is the fact that so few covers are salvaged. These lids or covers easily become detached and the resale price is low per unit --- so there is not a great deal of inducement to salvage them. The hamper or basket, however, is useless for distant shipment without a cover. As a result, used container dealers have had rather large stocks of hampers without covers at a time when they were far behind with their orders for hampers with covers. Through considerable urging, however, container manufacturers recently made four cars of additional covers which represented about 200,000 units. By using our purchase fund, we optioned these cars and thus assured the manufacturer a sale. In each case, however, they were sold to used container dealers before we exercised the option and bought the covers. Thus, 200,000 hampers were returned to circulation without our spending a dime---which is a lot of hampers.

Carl G. Wooster, Chief.

Market News Division

Advise When Market Wires No Longer Needed.

Field offices should be sure to advise the relay office, with a copy to Washington, when market wires covering certain commodities or markets are no longer needed. This policy should be followed by offices on the leased wire as well as those depending on a commercial relay. Failure to discontinue these wires often means considerable extraneous matter is being carried on the Leased-wire.

Changes in Temporary Market News Field Station List.

Phoenix, Arizona — Spring lettuce office opened March 13, J. A. Hunder in charge. Vegetable reports still being issued at Brawley but Imperial Valley f.o.b. wires being issued through Phoenix.

Hammond, La. — Strawberry office opened March 20, R.M. Fox in charge.

Laredo, Texas — Onion office will open about April 7, M. W. Hanson in charge.

Hastings, Florida — Potato office will open April 5, Aaron Stambaugh, in charge.

Waupaca, Wisconsin — Potato office will close March 31.

Idaho Falls, Idaho — Potato office will close April 5.

Grand Rapids, Mich. — Potato office will close April 15.

The South Florida vegetable office operated by F. S. Nightingale will be moved from Pompano to Belle Glade about April 15.

C. D. Schoolcraft, Chief.

Fresh Products Standardization and Inspection Division

Changes to be made on address lists of this Division - dated 9/1/43.

Receiving Point Offices:

Atlanta 3, Georgia	Correct room number 819 to 816. Fred C. Hartz residence address 2080 N. Decatur Rd. No change in telephone.
Boston 10, Mass.	Delete Roland W. Day. Add Floyd F. Smiley, Sr.
Buffalo 3, N. Y.	Delete M. C. Erickson. Add Roland W. Day.
Chiago 8, Ill.	Add Joseph E. Prather.
Cincinnati 2, Ohio	Delete John W. Coleman
Columbia, S. C.	Add Clark H. Langford (Agent)

Columbus 15, Ohio	Correct room number 36 to 39.
Fargo, N. D.	Correct residence address of Mr. Hastings to 1612 Third St. S.
Fort Worth, Texas	Delete Paul LeGer. Add Charles S. Lowthorp (temporarily).
Hartford 5, Conn.	Correct room number 330 to 448.
Houston, Texas	C. D. Shirley, in charge. R. M. Ferguson
Kansas City 6, Mo.	Add Paul LeGer.
Los Angeles 21, Calif.	Add Carley D. Williams
Minneapolis 3, Minn.	Add Theodore L. Trantanella (Collaborator).
New York, 14, N. Y.	Add Conda B. Miller; Clarence R. Icenogle; John E. Nottingham; George E. Greenlaw; Ching G. Gamble.
Oklahoma City 5, Okla.	Correct room number 100 to 122. Delete Fain G. Cesar. Add Clinton E. Ament, NAVY inspector. Correct U. S. Naval Air Technical Training Center Building 98, Norman, Okla. to Building 96.
Philadelphia 6, Pa.	Delete George Crisp.
Raleigh, N. C.	Add Bailey S. Rich (Collaborator)
Richmond, Va.	Add Jerome Nottingham (Collaborator)
San Diego 12, Calif.	Add L. G. C. Peirce.
San Francisco 5, Calif.	Add Minton Erickson. Cyrus E. Crews
San Pedro, Calif.	Change residence address of J. B. Wright to 24711 Walnut St. Lomita, Calif. Telephone Lomita 1358-M.
Seattle 4, Wash.	Add Dwight M. Hurd.

- E. E. Conklin, Chief.